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Student dies at Crossroads; cause still undetermined



Na'Khyria Lampkin holding her high school graduation diploma.

By Cecilia Kohl
Managing Editor

No new updates to the death that occurred in TJC dorms and no foul play is suspected, according to Justice of Peace James Meredith, Precinct 3.

A TJC student, Na'Khyria Lampkin, was pronounced dead at 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 14, after a call was issued to the TJC Police Department about an unresponsive female student at one of the residence halls.

Lampkin was found at Crossroads Hall on campus. Emergency medical services was called immediately and arrived to evaluate Lampkin.

The Investigating Officer Mike Gray, TJC campus officer, reported Lampkin was found deceased in her bed in the dorm room and was found face up under covers in bed with no visible injuries.

Forensic medical management is scheduled to review Lampkin's medical records, and Meredith ordered a toxicology report and a post-mortem examination to determine the cause of death. Meredith said, "it will take 4 to 5 weeks to get back," and will review toxicology report at that time.

TJC released a press statement on Sept. 15, the day following Lampkin's death, and it stated, "the TJC Police Department will complete a thorough investigation."

TJC notified Lampkin's family, and members of TJC and some administrative staff met the family on campus to offer support.

The press statement from TJC also stated, "TJC community is deeply saddened by the student's death and extends its deepest sympathy to the family. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to utilize the campus resources available to aid in this time of grief."

Before attending TJC this fall, Lampkin graduated from Terrell ISD. In memorial of Lampkin, Terrell ISD posted on its Facebook page, "She was loved by her classmates and teachers and known for her infectious smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with Na'Khyria's family and friends during this difficult time."

"She was loved by her classmates and teachers and known for her infectious smile."
-Terrell ISD

Technology services working to improve Wi-Fi connection

By Celeste Gibson
News Editor

By the end of the semester, students and faculty can expect to see improvements to campus Wi-Fi, according to Chief Information Officer Jeff Hassett. "When we get into the spring semester, they are going to see that service become what it should be," Hassett said. "The Wi-Fi has been a challenge here for quite some time. It's one service that our students should rely on when they come on campus. We want to make sure that they have a good experience because that's how they get a lot of stuff done, like homework and exams."

The Wi-Fi infrastructure equipment has been undergoing a recent upgrade; however, the Wi-Fi system has not been modified for 11 years.

"In a location like TJC, where 80 people might be in one room and only 20 in another room, you have to fine-tune how the Wi-Fi works because there are a lot more people on their devices in one space than in other spaces," Hassett said. "It will take some time to get things right for a campus this large. It is a fairly complex system, and there are a lot of revolving parts."



Those access points give off a signal in an area and when you get further away, the signal starts to become weaker. The problem is that when a device connects to a specific access point, devices today want to stay connected to the same access point. We have to design a system where devices are encouraged to let go of that one and connect to a new access point."

The reason the Wi-Fi will take so long is because the Office of Technology Services will be changing the configuration of the system, tuning and potentially changing locations of Wi-Fi parts.

"We have gone into the Pirtle Building and started some of the tuning process," Hassett said. "We started working in the building to see if we can't get all of the configuration and all of the standardization, we want to work in Pirtle to get the results we expect. Pirtle is kind of our test bed right now, but we have also been testing at the Rogers Nursing Health and Science Center."

Some buildings, like the Rogers Nursing Health and Science Center can have up to 40 access points because their coverage only goes so far.

"Even when people aren't on their phones, their devices are constantly checking messages, email,

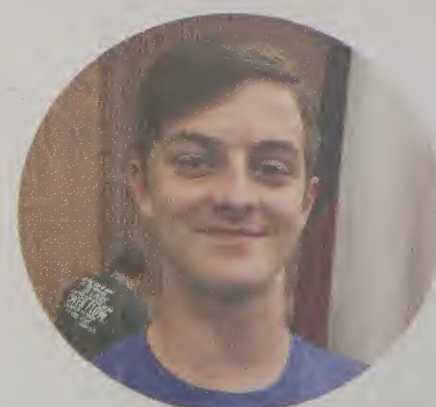
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Alex Mejia
President



Juan Mejia
Vice President



Kaden Phinney
Secretary

Q and A with new freshmen senate leaders

By Viviana Faz

Alex Mejia - Freshman President

What is your goal with this new position?

My goal is to help students and to be the voice for the students here at TJC. I care for 12,000 students and want to make an impact this year, and that all of us together can grow in our leadership abilities by learning from each other.

What do you plan on doing in the future with this position?

I see myself making good social connections with the freshmen/sophomores here at TJC and through hard work we can make a difference.

What is the first thing you want to do?

I would work hard to collaborate with the sophomore leadership and senators.

Juan Mejia - Freshman Vice President

What is your goal with this new position?

Even though the vice president position sounds like a position that exists in the shadows of the president, I wish to stand out and place ideas into actions with the student senate officers for the students of Tyler Junior College.

What do you plan on doing in the future with this position?

I see myself being in tune with the ideas of the student body and turning those ideas into reality with the power of being the freshman vice president.

What is the first thing you want to do?

I want to make the student senate organization as relevant as possible. If we make students understand the potential of the student senate organization, that will open the door of opportunities a student will have on the campus — to be included, make friends, join clubs, volunteer etc.

Kaden Phinney - Freshman Secretary

What is your goal with this new position?

I plan to make TJC a more fun place. I hope to be kind to everyone and make it to where the student body can talk to me about anything.

What do you plan on doing in the future with this position?

I want to get better at communicating with people and meeting new people.

What is the first thing you want to do?

The first thing I want to input is the mental health issues around campus right now. I think this is a very serious issue and I want to see us fix it in the future.

Meet your Student Senate Executives

Story and photos by Viviana Faz
Staff Writer



President
Brooks W. Milton



Can you tell us what the student senate represents, and what your position does specifically?

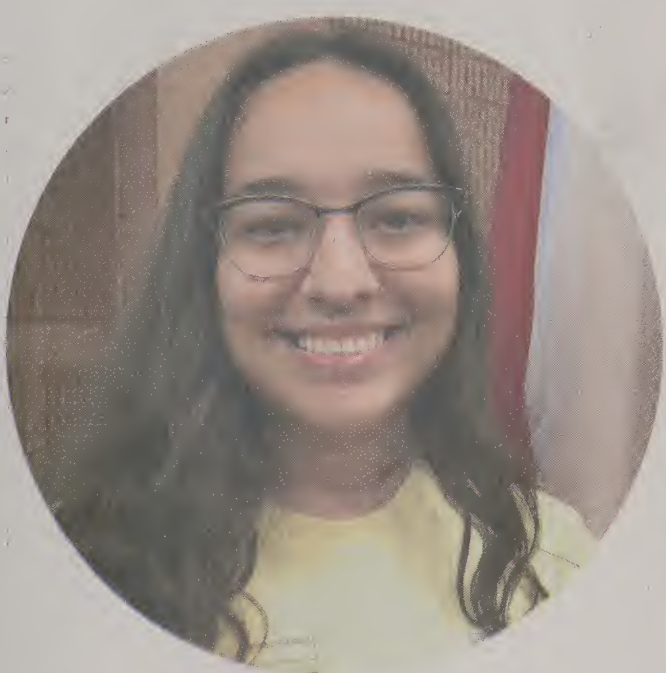
The student senate represents the overall governing body of the students at TJC. Basically, what our job is supposed to do is being an advocate for all students on campus regardless of whether they're in an organization or not, but to be their advocates to the administration, to all of the officials at TJC. That is our main goal.

Student senate executive president oversees the executive board, and be the main point of contact between the faculty, senate, student liaison and the administration officials. Be the face of the student body, and be the main champion of students' rights on campus.

What would be your message to the person holding your position in the future?

If you're doing this for a scholarship or the position title only, don't do it. It really takes someone with a heart and a drive for students, for community service to serve. You really have to have a drive and passion for people, and a drive and compassion for helping your constituents. If you're just doing it to put it on your resume, then I would suggest you turn around and go find something else to do.

Secretary
Julissa Nunez



Can you tell us what the student senate represents, and what your position does specifically?

The student senate is essentially the umbrella organization over all other organizations. We are the voice of the students and a way for them to voice their opinions to the administration.

As the executive secretary, I am in charge of recording attendance for our general assemblies and for recording the minutes. As the chair for the academic affairs committee, I helped oversee tutoring, workshops and academic resources available to help students succeed.

What are some specific events that you recall organizing having effects on the stature of our campus?

A specific event that I recall would be our collaboration with the Texas League of Women Voters for their presentations that empower young voters. This ultimately showed the community that both TJC and younger generations care about the future of this country and want to help make a difference.

What would be your message to the person holding your position in the future?

My message to whoever is in my position in the future would be to just take things one day at a time. Rome wasn't built in a day, and things worth changing take time. Making effort makes a difference.

Vice President
Verania Correa



Can you tell us what the student senate represents, and what your position does specifically?

The student senate overall represents the voice of TJC's students. We also serve as an umbrella for all the organizations here on campus.

As vice president, my role is to serve when the executive president is unable to serve, I am also the chair for the Elections Committee, in which students vote on who they want to be responsible for the voting polls during elections, such as homecoming.

What would be your message to the person holding your position in the future?

A message for the future person holding the position would be that leadership is the ability to facilitate movement, stand up for the student voices and don't be afraid of trying new things.

What are some specific events that you recall organizing having effects on the stature of our campus?

One of the specific events that I recall having effects on campus would be Arbor Day. It showed how many students cared about the environment and how trees are important for future generations. I would like to see more events like this one!

Parliamentarian
Luis Lozano



Can you tell us what the student senate represents, and what your position does specifically?

To me, the student senate represents the voice of the students. It is an organization that serves the students to better the junior college experience.

The parliamentarian has the duty of keeping order in meetings and making sure that the Robert's Rules of Order are kept in check. I have also taken on the Building Committee, which oversees any issues that students might notice around campus relating to buildings. My meetings are at the Quest Room in the Library every other Wednesday at 3 p.m. and anybody is welcome to come.

What are some specific events that you recall organizing having effects on the stature of our campus?

One event that I helped with was getting the Student Resource Center up and running in Pirtle. Martin Morales Alvarez and I worked as co-officers of the Honors in Action project for Phi Theta Kappa and with the help of other members helped establish the first resource center of its kind.

Ambassador of Organization
Daniela Juarez



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How do you see yourself applying this in your near future?

I always wanted to work in a government organization. The skills that I have gotten from student senate, such as leadership, communication and multitasking, are skills that I use currently and will use in the future.

What are some specific events you are organizing that will have an effect on the stature of our campus?

I am helping to plan Mental Health Awareness Week. I believe that this event is going to help many students and shine light to the many problems students face.

Public Relations Officer
Megan Oswald



Can you tell us what the student senate represents, and what your position does specifically?

The student senate is a way for the student body voices to be heard. We are like a vessel from the student body to the administrative staff to voice concerns, opinions or any comments.

I serve as the public relations officer, so I post articles regularly for the student senate.

Do you plan on expanding on this role following your graduation?

Seeing as I am majoring in communications, there is more public relations related activities in my near future.

What events do you organize on campus?

The student senate hosts the late night breakfast every year. We also do trash cleanup around campus as well as recycle pickups on a pretty routine based schedule.

One on One

Soccer players share field experiences

Story and photos by Zhaekyra White
Sports editor



HEIDI MUELLER

Midfielder

Heidi Mueller is an international soccer player at TJC. While she has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old, she decided to bring her love of the sport to TJC moving from Auerbach, Germany.

One of Mueller's friends, who was in the TJC soccer program last year, talked her into joining the soccer team. Her friend bragged about how great the soccer program is and how she would absolutely love it not only because it would be a great opportunity to play soccer and to be a better player, but also because the people would be like a family to her while she is thousands of miles away from home.

"I think to be that far away from my family was a tough step, but I'm really happy that I did it because I really like it here," Mueller said. "I think I can improve myself and make my family proud."

Mueller's favorite thing about being part of the team is how they are growing together as a family and how even off of the field they can ask each other for help. She hopes to have the opportunity to go to a four year university to continue her studies and play soccer. Her ultimate goal is to be someone who interviews athletes or possibly get into sports management.



ALEXIA MOREIRA

Midfielder

Alexia Moreira grew up in Jacksonville, Texas, where she started playing soccer at age 4. She decided TJC would be a good fit for her because she said she had the privilege of playing for Coach Corey Rose years before starting college.

"I have a lot of respect for him as a coach, and I think he is going to take me to another level as a player and continue to grow," Moreira said.

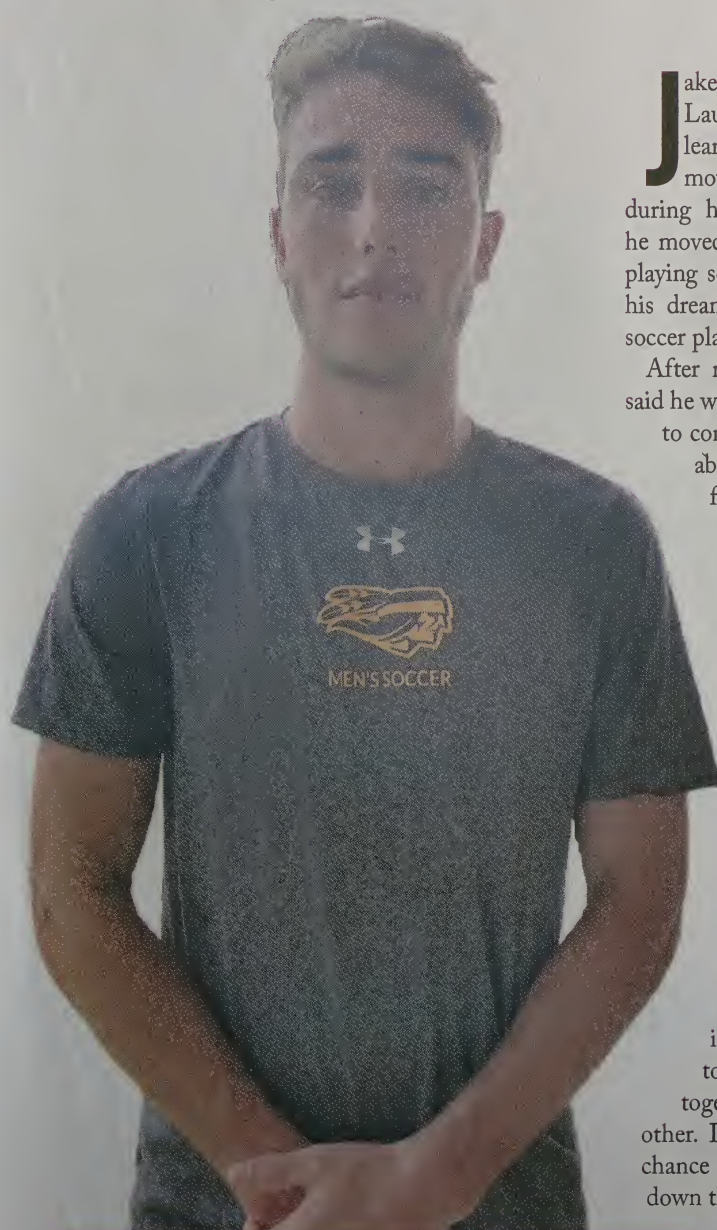
She was part of a soccer club, FC Dallas, where she got most of her experience. During that time, she won a team MVP award, and in high school, she won first team district MVP awards.

Moreira talks about how playing soccer at TJC has been a great, but also different experience because of how the program operates and also because of how diverse it is.

"It's very competitive, but friendly. It's all about making each other better and getting to our goal to win nationals," Moreira said.

Her favorite thing about her team is getting to know players and the cultures of those who are from different countries.

After graduating from TJC, Moreira said her goal is to continue playing soccer at a division I school, possibly Stephen F. Austin State University or Texas A&M University.



JAKE MORRIS

Left back,
left wing

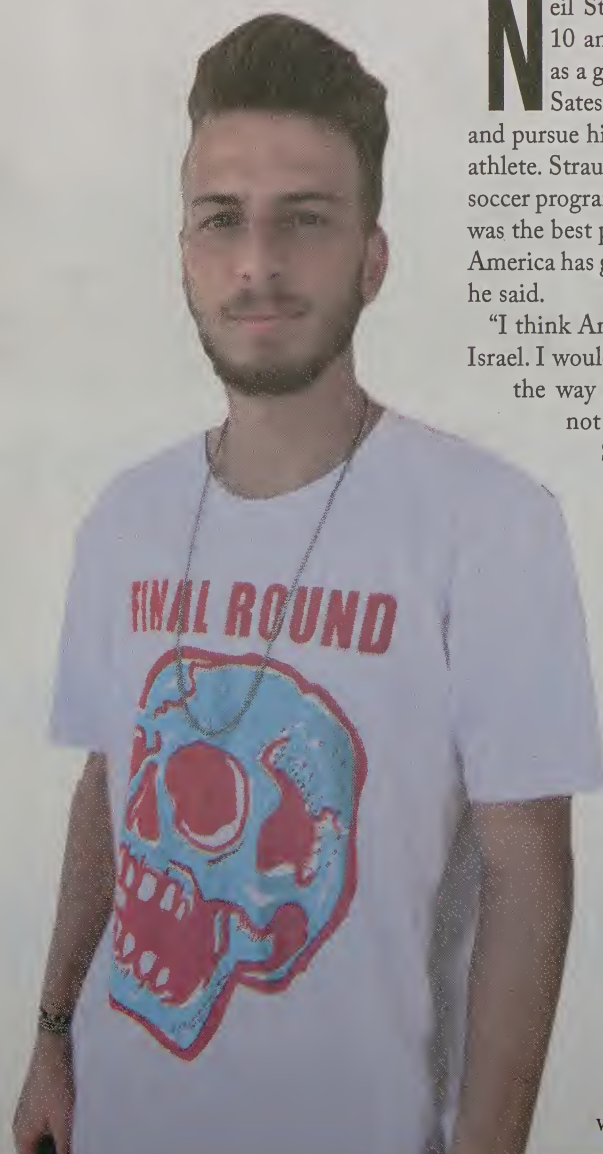
Jake Morris is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he learned to play soccer at age 4. He moved to Seattle, Washington, during high school. After graduating, he moved to Texas to have a chance at playing soccer and to eventually pursue his dream of becoming a professional soccer player.

After moving on from TJC, Morris said he wants to go to a division I school to continue his journey. Morris talks about how his experience playing for TJC has been positive.

Moving into his second season this year, Morris said he is feeling good about what is to come. He admits he has a challenge managing sports and school together, but he has been working nonstop to make sure he gets it done the right way.

"Once you get that together, you can really achieve anything not just in school, but in your sport, as well," Morris said.

"I think my favorite thing about being apart of the team is having a family, everybody together who always sticks together and has a unity with each other. It gives yourself a really good chance to make really good friends for down the road as well," Morris said.



NEIL STRAUBER

Goal keeper

Neil Strauber began playing soccer at age 10 and followed in his father's footsteps as a goal keeper. He moved to the United States from Israel to start his education and pursue his dream of becoming a professional athlete. Strauber talks about how in America the soccer programs are amazing and he thought TJC was the best place to start his process. Moving to America has given him a different outlook on life, he said.

"I think America overall is a lot different than Israel. I would say the environment in Israel and the way people are growing up in Israel is not dangerous, but more mature," Strauber said.

Strauber explained how moving to Texas made him realize the more important things in life and to always focus on the better things because one bad game does not define your entire life.

"It made me realize that having a family, a home to sleep in and getting my education is what life is about," Strauber said.

According to Strauber, his favorite thing about being part of the team is that they are much more than a team. They are a family who lives together and fights together. He said this is what makes them unique.

His biggest challenge was starting as a freshman with sophomores who had the same position as him and having to prove himself to get the spot, Strauber said.

"It was good that each one got this fair shot to play, and the competition here is healthy competition, so it keeps you awake the whole time," Strauber said.

Campus Clinic to offer free flu shots

By Elizabeth Mansker
Staff Writer

The Campus Clinic is offering free flu shots to all students who are currently enrolled at Tyler Junior College and to all TJC faculty. Students and faculty must show their ID badges to the clinic to be able to get the free flu shot.

Students who need a flu shot do not need to make an appointment. According to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, flu season typically starts in October and it is the most active between December and February.

"There are many different flu viruses and they are constantly changing. The composition of U.S. flu vaccines is reviewed annually and updated as needed to match circulating flu viruses," according to the CDC.

Depending on the vaccine type, the vaccines will protect against three or four

viruses. Students who think they have the flu can go to the Campus Clinic and get tested for the flu. If the test comes back positive, the clinic will give the student a prescription.

"Everybody should get the flu shot, and it takes about two weeks to really get into effect," Brandi Pate, nurse practitioner at the TJC Campus Clinic, said.

To prevent the flu, Pate recommends students wash their hands in hot water and soap, get the flu shot and try their best to stay clear of sick people.

The clinic is located on the second floor of the Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Center, which is on the corner of Fifth Street and Fleishel Avenue. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

For more information about the Campus Clinic or the flu shots, visit tjc.edu/info/20043/student_support_services/284/campus_clinic, or call the clinic at (903) 510-3862.



Photos by Elizabeth Mansker

Flu season is beginning and the Campus Clinic is offering free flu shots for students and faculty who show their ID badge.



Photo by Zac Brooks

Students rode a mechanical bull during Apache Chiefs Week.

Apache Chiefs ride into school spirit week



Photo by Zac Brooks

At the Tuesday Takeover event, students enjoyed free T-shirts, ice cream, music and bouncy houses.



Photo by Zac Brooks

Apache Chiefs mainly organize and lead New Student Orientation, as well as mentoring new students.

Apache Chief applications due Sept. 27

By Celeste Gibson
News Editor

The application deadline for the Apache Chief Program is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Applications are available online and can be submitted at tjc.edu/chiefs.

"The Apache Chiefs are TJC's premier leadership organization on campus," Murphy Turner, Coordinator of New Student and Family Programs said. "We wanted to do something to serve the students and connect with potential Chiefs."

The Gold Rush Tailgate event on Sept.

21 was the first event and continued with an interest meeting on Monday, Tuesday Takeover, Wednesday surprise event and Thursday Block Party with silent disco.

"This will be the first year we've had Apache Week," Kyleigh Moody, Apache Chief said. "We wanted to create fun events for the students on campus and provide students with an opportunity to see the way we serve and how they could get involved."

Apache Chiefs are required to have a 2.5 GPA and be a full-time student.

"The students are primarily responsible for supporting New Student Orientation, and they are involved in a variety of

service-centered events and projects each year," Turner said. "Hosting a series of fun events allowed us the opportunity to reach more students and talk with them about what we do and how they can get involved."

The Chiefs are hoping to have a team of around 25 students once the application and interview process is complete.

"I joined the Chiefs because I wanted an opportunity to meet more people on campus and really serve during my time here at TJC," Moody said. "Chiefs seemed like a natural fit. It is a great student leadership organization."

Pregnancy Resource Center to help TJC students in need

By Anna Grace Drewett
Staff Writer

The Pregnancy Resource Center, which provides free resources to pregnant women and single moms, is currently rebuilding its facilities on Baxter Avenue near TJC. The center is temporarily located in the Green Acres shopping center.

The center was previously located in two houses where they had been operating for 23 years.

According to Vicky Lawson, a staff member at the Pregnancy Resource Center, these two houses were old, small and had plumbing that was failing.

With the new facility, the center plans to add a few programs and occasionally host positive activities that will reach out to students at TJC. The executive director of the Pregnancy Resource Center, Beverly Cline, said she hopes the center can "be a support to the whole TJC campus."

This organization provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and proof of pregnancy. Women need proof of pregnancy for Medicaid or any type of insurance.

The center also offers another service called Building Blocks, a parenting skills program that allows women to meet with someone who will assist them with parenting tips and ideas, financial problems, relationship issues and more. The women in this program receive points for working, reading a pamphlet and more. Points can be redeemed in the store they have on site, which includes maternity clothes, wipes, diapers, cribs, baby clothes, furniture, etc.

Lawson said "if there is something a mom needs that isn't in the store, then often a staff member will go and find it for her."

The Pregnancy Resource Center also has a multitude of service references for the women who come in. One reference they have is for another organization called the Nurse-Family Partnership. This partnership allows women who are pregnant with their first baby to be connected with a registered nurse who will work with the mom and assist her with both the pregnancy and parenting abilities until the baby is two years old.

Additionally, Embrace Grace is a program that creates groups of around 20 women who get together for a free dinner, prizes, games and a short devotional for 10 weeks. These groups provide fellowship and support for expecting moms. After those 10 weeks are over, a baby shower is thrown for all of the women in the group. This baby shower is held at Green Acres, and each woman will have her own table for gifts that have been bought and donated.

There is going to be an open house for the Pregnancy Resource Center during the first week of December.

For more pictures, visit
thedrumbeat.com.



Photos by Zac Brooks

The 93 year celebration of Founders Day at TJC was held on Sept. 17 on the Quad behind Jenkins Hall.



Theatre department to premiere 'Anatomy of Gray'

By Michael Bald
Entertainment Editor

The TJC Theatre Department will debut its first play of the semester, "Anatomy of Gray," at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 2-5 at the Jean Brown Theatre.

An additional 2:30 p.m. showing will be held on Oct. 5. If a student has an ID with them they get in free.

"Anatomy of Gray" is the story of a young girl, June Muldoon, who loses her father and she now must live with her mother alone in the 1800s in Gray, Indiana," said David Crawford, professor of theatre at TJC. "It's basically June's story of growing up in Gray, Indiana. There is also a doctor that she has a relationship with that is the basis of the entire story."

As far as the importance of this play, Crawford said, "it's a very strong story. It enlightens us to the world of the late 1800s and how people living outside the cities at the time had a much simpler life."

Crawford also makes the comparison of "how they deal with things day-to-day like we do now, such as sickness, death and relationships, except they didn't have phones."

The play will feature a modern technique of production, Crawford said. "It is exploring our sense of make believe and how the audience uses its creativity to build on to the sets, because we basically start out with saying: 'this is a room,' but it's up to the audience to fill in all of the details of the scene. We want you to imagine what it really is like."

Student Ramey McGraw said "the department has done an amazing job with how they want the play done." McGraw talked about the new students added to the department. "It's amazing seeing fresh new faces coming in and showing what they got."

The cast of actors includes nine people, and the running crew has five people.



Photos by Michael Bald

Above: TJC students Ethan Mays, Tyler Baker, Macy Cowart and Bryson Chalk perform a scene from "Anatomy of Gray."



Below: David Crawford with cast members Makena Cook, Patrick Rich and Tyler Baker practice their roles for the upcoming play.

Review: New Green Day song is split among fans

By Michael Bald
Entertainment Editor



Photo illustration by Michael Bald

Green Day has announced a new song, new album and the Hella Mega World Tour collaboration with bands Weezer and Fall Out Boy, three years after the legendary band's last album: "Revolution Radio."

As far as their new material, the band has released the song named "Father of All..." as well as the new album, which bears the same name. When the official audio for the song landed on YouTube on Sept. 10, reactions were mixed, to say the least.

When the song starts out it has very fast-paced guitar and bass duet alongside a drumbeat that feels slower than the other instruments. The sounds help create the emotions that make one want to bop their heads to the beat and rock out to the music.

In other words, a typical Green Day song.

However, the song turned sour for many listeners when lead singer, Billie Joe Armstrong, began singing. He sings with a high-pitched voice that sounds like it is being put through a megaphone as opposed to his nasal-voiced melodies that made the band have an iconic sound.

Because of this change, the band has faced backlash on social

media from fans wanting the old sound of Green Day back.

Some fans go so far as to say this is a massive troll attempt by the band due to their contract ending with Reprise Records and meeting the minimum requirements for an album. Many believe this theory because of tension between the studio and the band since their album trio "Uno! Dos! Tré!"

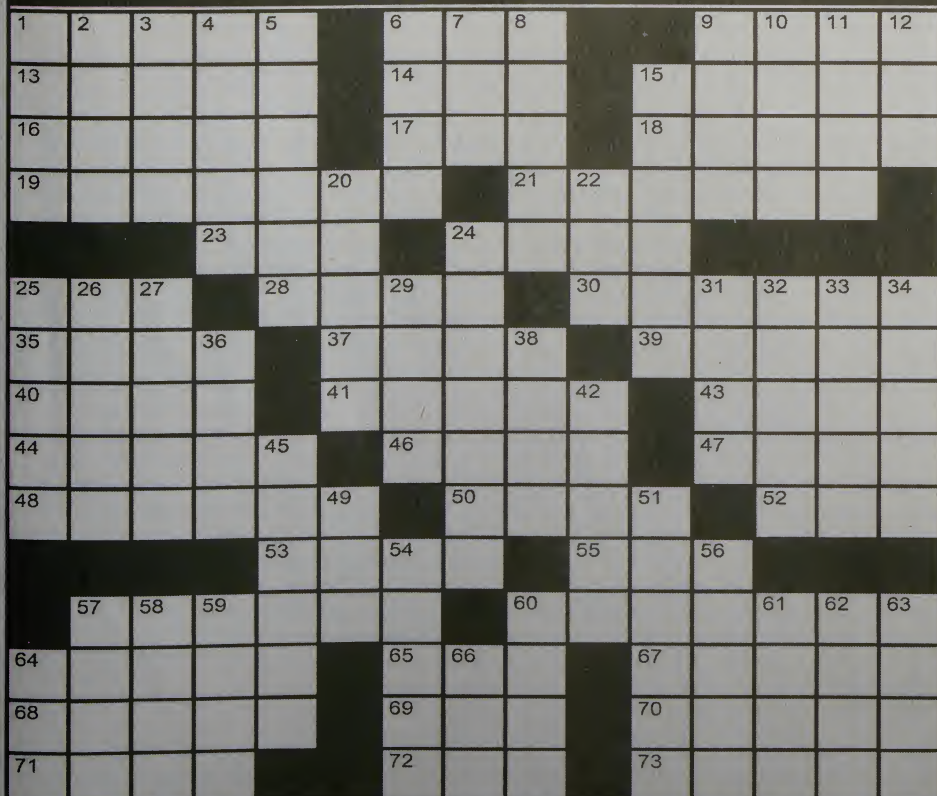
Billie Joe Armstrong said in an interview with KROQ: "The album we have coming out next year is the shortest album we've made since 'Insomniacs.' It's 26 minutes long." He goes on to say, "The album will have 17 songs."

Billie Joe Armstrong also said there was a possibility of another album besides the one announced. "Maybe we'll put out another album next year," he said. "We don't know because we are off our contract with Warners." Warner Records is the parent organization group of Reprise Records.

Though the likelihood of Green Day just wanting to leave the Studio makes sense, I personally do not view this as a poor song. Sure, it could make fans happier if Billie's voice wasn't so different and they went back to their original traits, but as it stands, this song has the capability of bringing out the inner angst most young adults still have. If Green Day can still do that, then they will be here for a long time.

THEME: RAP ARTISTS

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Same as Amir
6. Graduate degree
9. Rotisserie skewer
13. Wispy clouds
14. *Run-DMC performed at "Live ____", 1985
15. Elbow room
16. Portfolio content
17. Some special effects
18. Noncommittal response
19. *N.W.A. songwriter turned actor
21. *Marshall Bruce Mathers III
23. Last letter of Hebrew alphabet
24. Two-fold
25. Tit for ____
28. Serve soup, e.g.
30. Done at "inspiration point"
35. Eurasian mountain range
37. Jack of all trades' sphere of expertise
39. More painful
40. Little bit, in Mexico
41. Open-mouthed
43. Classic TV's Mr. Cleaver
44. Friend from Mexico
46. Power system
47. Batman's cave, e.g.
48. Ketchup, to some
50. *a.k.a. Detective Tutuola
52. "To Kill a Mockingbird" author
53. Bangkok native
55. Yoga turf
57. *She likes dollars, she likes diamonds
60. *SAG and Golden Globe awards recipient
64. 2 halves of a diameter
65. Exchange for money
67. Watery-eyed
68. Turn upside down
69. To add, often used with "out"
70. Shockingly graphic
71. "Cobbler, cobbler, ____ my shoe"
72. Up and down nod
73. Horace's poem

DOWN

1. South American blackish-purple berry
2. Catchall abbr.
3. Gaelic tongue
4. Not slouching
5. Something regularly observed
6. Debilitating spray
7. *The Notorious one
8. Opposite of bonjour
9. Distance from wingtip to wingtip, e.g.
10. Pay as you earn tax system
11. Ballistic missile acronym
12. Golf peg
15. Expression of pleasure, pl.
20. Boss, in Swahili
22. Vitruvian one
24. Ancient Roman silver coins
25. *The hate you give... artist
26. Scent
27. Like unspoken agreement
29. *Snoop's last name?
31. Loose hood
32. Cattle enclosure in African village
33. Chill-inducing
34. *Beats by ____
36. Fireplace fodder
38. *____ Rap Battles of History
42. Possible allergic reaction
45. Bested
49. Sigma ____ Epsilon
51. Babble out
54. *Drake's tattoo of the The Beatles' "____ Road"
56. Bind
57. Super garb?
58. Port in Yemen
59. Orange peel
60. Cleaning cabinet supplies
61. Wyatt Earp's card game
62. Desert quality
63. Jekyll's alter ego
64. Cuba Libre ingredient
66. Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's strings

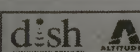
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TJC fails to communicate with student body

Staff receives email notifying of student death, students are left out

Staff Editorial

When a student passes away on campus, you would think students are one of the first to be told, right? Wrong.

On Sept. 14 at Crossroads Hall, a Tyler Junior College student passed away. For those there, the scene was shocking, but for most students life carried on as usual, mainly because no one was notified.

The following morning, at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 15, faculty and staff were sent a heartfelt email regarding the death of a student. Not a single student got this email. The email details specifics regarding the events that took place the previous night, but ends by saying if students felt the need to seek counseling they would be encouraged to utilize campus resources.

How are students supposed to reach out to campus resources, when we are not even notified on who or where to go for such resources?

According to the TJC emergency procedures website, "The Immediate Notification System and Apache Alerts text-messaging systems allows TJC to provide immediate notification to faculty, staff and students in the event of a campus security, crime or weather-related emergency." Why were

we left out on this occasion when a student died?

Terrell ISD, where the deceased student had previously attended high school, immediately offered to provide counseling services through social media. This act should have been replicated by TJC, but on this occasion we fell short.

We should have at the very least gotten a notification through Apache Alert, but this situation should merit something beyond this type of outreach. We are young adults, seeking to pursue a better life. We do not want to be a statistic, we want to be seen as a people. When our school brushes this type of information under the rug, how would you feel?

We love this school. TJC offers students opportunities that many academic institutions fail to honor. Without a constant watchdog to ensure the school holds up to a higher standard, especially with the school's new vision under Dr. Mejia, who are we to call ourselves great?

We are The DrumBeat. While our direction is like navigating through a cave without light, when we see an opening, we commit to it.

This student did pass away, it is a tragedy that should not be forgotten, but why is there no student-specific

ceremony for this type of occasion?

While a ceremony before Founders Day honored faculty and staff who have passed away during the previous year, only a moment of silence was held for the student who passed away. A student-centered ceremony should have occurred.

Without the student body, this school would not exist. We are the reason the school prospers the way it does, but it often feels like we are just numbers to a tally.

People on this campus deserve to know exactly what is going on. It is why we chose to write this. It is a reminder to ourselves that we must bring light to darkness. Like a candle to a flame, we must illuminate.

Let us progress as a campus and ensure that proper outreach happens when this happens in the future. It can be as simple as continuing to send notifications through Apache Alert, an email similar to the one sent to staff being sent to students, or finally a matching ceremony for students who have passed away while being involved with TJC. We should learn from this instance, and we believe the sooner we can commit to something, the better the campus attitude will be.



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Column: Trump deploying troops to Middle East

By Robert Naylor
Editor-In-Chief

President Donald Trump recently announced we would be exploring a game plan on sending troops to Saudi Arabia.

This announcement came in response to the drone striking of Saudi Arabian oil refineries. As of now, no clear plan has been laid out on how many troops will be sent, which has brought us to an interesting point regarding this entire ordeal.

At first it seemed the Trump administration would be sending a sizable deployment of troops under a defensive strategy in both Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. According to Marine General Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this impulse decision has now been limited to hundreds of troops rather than thousands.

The strategy seems to be primarily focused on air and missile defense systems, rather than the staging of offensive troops with the intent to attack Iran.

As of now, speculations are abound, but we do know that a European announcement

with the possibility of their troop contributions will affect how the U.S. continues its strategy within the region.

Personally, when I discovered the news of the troop deployment into Saudi Arabia as well as the United Arab Emirates, I was in shock. I had an, "Oh no here we go again" moment. With the announcements this week, my tone has shifted slightly.

I think most Americans do not want another Iraq/Afghanistan war. Most of the world is tired of America pretending to be the world's police force with really big guns. If full blown war breaks out between the U.S., no one, but war profiteers, will enjoy the continuation of war in the Middle East.

Too many Americans have died to senseless wars within this region of the world, and an insignificance of results have followed. I believe it would be a failure to create a new war within the region. I fear that Iran, or someone posing as Iran, will attack U.S. troops forcing open warfare.



Column: 'A man is allowed to react, a women can only over-react'

By Emily Niebuhr
Contributing Writer

It has been over three years since Taylor Swift, Kanye West and Kim Kardashian were in the news about the infamous phone call. Why was that call recorded in the first place? It all started when Kanye called up Taylor about a song he's going to put out. During this, Kim decided to record it on her Snapchat and edited it later. Kim took to Twitter, posting a snake emoji, and calling Taylor a b*tch. Kim can be accused of being responsible for haters and fans alike calling Taylor that derogatory remark.

It all started with Kanye's song Famous, in which he sings, "I made that b*tch famous." He had told Taylor he was writing it. In fact, she approved some the lyrics, but did not know about that one.

After all that unnecessary drama went down, Taylor gave up social media and basically has been hiding out during the past three years, which possibly affected her popularity and even her mental health. I mean, what is a star without publicity? And did Kanye and Kim even care about the damage they have caused?

Now in 2019, Taylor is ready to talk about it and telling her side of things so people can stop asking her about it. Thanks to the internet, everything has resurfaced on the situation from the actual tweet Kim posted to Taylor's side on Instagram. Taylor said this about moving on.

"You don't have to forgive and you don't have to forget to move on. You can move on without any of those things happening. You just become indifferent, and then you move on." This is all response to the tabloids and articles saying she needs to let it go or quit talking about it after all these years. So why don't these haters talk about something else?

After "all these years," people are still asking Taylor about the incident. On Aug. 25, Taylor did a television interview on CBS This Morning saying there's a different vocabulary for men and women in the music industry. She said this: "A man is allowed to react, a women can only overreact." She stated that people are applauding Kanye and Kim for what they did, and saying that she is playing the victim and calling her the bad guy. "It happens in our world that a female shouldn't say or sing about certain things, but men can do it and be praised for it."

As you read or listen to what Taylor has said, you should know that she got played (like a sad song) and it wasn't her fault, even though she got punished for it. I hope that down the road, people would listen to women's side and not judge them about what they write about — when men write the same thing!



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TJC first in Texas to house 4K Projection Technology

By Kathryn Bogle
Staff Writer

The Center for Earth and Space Science Education is updating its planetarium from the current Digistar 5 system to a new Digitarium Aethos system. TJC's planetarium will be the first in the state to install this system and the second in the country, according to press release from the department. The only other Digitarium Aethos system in the United States was installed in Eugene, Oregon, last year.

The name of the space center is also set to change to the TJC Earth and Space Science Center featuring Hudnall Planetarium starting on Oct. 5.

The center will be closed from Monday, Sept. 30, to Friday, Oct. 5.

This will be TJC's third time to renovate the planetarium since its launch in 1963, according to Beau Hartweg, a director at the Center for

Earth and Space Science Education. He said, in 2010, the system updated from the original optical-mechanical system, which used light and gears for the projection of stars, to the current digital projection system, which uses computers and digital projectors to perform the planetarium functions.

Hartweg added they now plan to update those computers and digital projectors to the Digitarium Aethos system. This type of system uses "4k laser projection technology to create vibrant, immersive experiences in the 40-foot Hudnall Planetarium," as stated in the department's press release.

Hartweg explains the center will premiere the new planetarium on Oct. 5 for its first "star party Saturday." This event features free showings and telescopes in the planetarium from 8 to 10 p.m. and is hosted on the first Saturday of every month.



Photo by Kathryn Bogle

The Center for Earth and Space Science Education will house new 4k laser projection technology.



Photos courtesy of student media

Students work in various roles within student media, which includes the newspaper, online media and broadcast. The Communication and Student Media Department has relocated from Potter Hall to the Jenkins Building.

Grand opening for new student media location set for Oct. 2

By Robert Naylor
Editor-in-Chief

The Communication and Student Media Department will be hosting its grand opening of its newly located space at 4 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Jenkins Building, Room 1108.

The event will be an open house experience that will allow students to get hands-on interaction with the equipment familiar with student media.

While student media has already taken advantage of this new space and all of its merits, the location addresses the changing media climate.

"As far as I know, Potter was the original location of the journalism department," said Rachel Jennische, professor of communication and student media. "We've kind of been in that same place for quite a long time, and while it was great for what the space was originally intended for, a newspaper where they developed their own photos, the department has grown to include more web design and videography, as well as a newscast. We've basically outgrown that space where it no longer serves our needs."

The change in location came with approval at the end of May, and was put into motion weeks before school began.

"By being in this new space, we were able to add a control room and an audio booth, which are kind of crucial for doing things like a television newscast if you want to do them right," said Derik Gray, professor and coordinator

of communication and student media. "Being able to add those facilities will really enhance the learning outcomes for students. We want this facility to be much more closely tied to or more of a direct representation of what they would get if they worked in industry."

The space includes a separate audio booth where a director can have direct control over a show without interrupting the anchors. This is very similar feature that can be found in professional newsrooms.

"Previously, broadcast wasn't quite able to reach its full potential. Our broadcast space was also a classroom space, and it was also a student lab space, where they made the newspaper," Jennische said. "The space wasn't open and available to students and now this space is open and available."

Joining student media is not restricted to students pursuing a degree in communication.

"It's real easy actually," Gray said. "At any point, any student here on campus, doesn't matter what their major is, can come to the meetings Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., stop by and say, 'Hey, I want to get involved,' and they can start getting involved. We usually, at the end of every semester, will do formal calls for editor positions, and students will apply for those."

Joining student media allows students to work for the newspaper, The DrumBeat, as well as the broadcast: Students in the program can also enter in competition in the Texas Community College Journalism Association and the Texas



Intercollegiate Press Association every semester.

"I really hope students take the opportunity to come in here and learn and get their hands on some of the equipment, so that when they enter the workforce or go into these competitions all of this stuff is second nature. Now they have to opportunity and they need to take advantage of it," Jennische said.

International Game Developers Association hosts charity events

By Zac Brooks
Photo Editor

The International Game Developers Association has started "Gaming for Good," which is an event used to raise money and other items for people in need. The club hosted its first event on Sept. 6 where it raised around \$50 and a few food items and school supplies to help students in need. At the second event, club members raised almost triple that amount.

"The main focus for the charity is to not just raise the money to help the charities that we've picked but to raise awareness of them, too," said Kaitlyn Vest, vice president of IGDA.

Cody Logan, president of IGDA, has created these events in hopes to raise money for the East Texas Crisis Center. IGDA

hosts two charity events a month. Upon arrival, attendees pay a minimum of \$5 and/or bring nonperishable food items, school supplies and health care products. IGDA wants to show people that "charities aren't always just about 'We need money,'" Vest said.

The next "Gaming for Good" event will be from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Vaughn Conservatory Building.

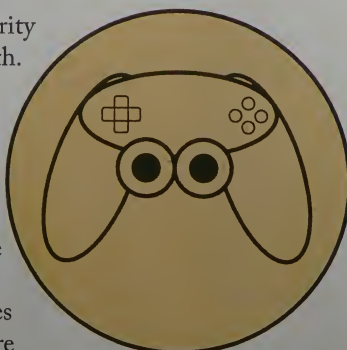


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Wi-Fi: Changes to address more than connection issues

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Facebook, Twitter, things like that," Hassett said. "Even when the screen is blank, it is doing a lot of work. Your phone is using the network, even when you aren't. If you have 50 students in an area, all with two devices all connecting to the Wi-Fi at the same time in a fairly small area, it can be a challenge to see where are the areas where students gather and how can we give more resources to those areas."

On average, Vaughn Library can see roughly 109 people per day.

"We have had plenty of students coming to us, asking if there was any way we could fix the Wi-Fi," Student Assistant at the Vaughn Library Technical Assistance Center, Yamini Johnson said. "Students complain that they don't have enough time

to take tests on their laptops because it will close out or lock them out completely. We feel bad, but we don't know what to do. The internet is bad, all around and I feel like it needs to be addressed."

The Office of Technology Services also helps students and faculty with password resets, account lockouts, logging into Canvas and software installs.

"We are hoping to roll out a lot of changes over the semester. It doesn't require down time, so the students aren't just not going to have Wi-Fi for a day. We are going to do this to not impact the students' ability to use the Wi-Fi, we will implement our changes in the least disruptive way so students do not lose this service during normal times on campus and will keep the system functional as we make our changes."



The TJC Apache Belles prepare to preform their kick routine. Every home game, the band and Belles preform during halftime.



Freshmen run onto the field in the Gold Rush tradition to start the game. Every year, TJC lets new students lead the football team onto the field.



An Apache cheerleader performs at the home game to rally support for the team.

TJC rushes for gold

Students attend field surge event to commemorate first football home game

By Kathryn Bogle
Staff Writer

TJC's third annual Gold Rush Tailgate and Football game occurred on Sept. 21 before the Apache Chiefs against Texas A&T. The tailgate, hosted by the Apache Chiefs, featured music, free food and T-shirts outside of CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. The gold rush crowd rushed the field along with the football team right before the game started. Afterward, the crowd gathered in the stands to support the team.

Photos by Cassidy Winborn



The TJC football team was led onto the field by the gold rush of students. Every first home game, Freshmen wearing gold T-shirts lead the team.



Students and staff enjoy tailgating before the rush on the field.



The Apache Belles leave the field after the pre-game show. At home games, the TJC band and Belles put on a show before to kick off the game.

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